

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites; ~~comprising the steps of:~~ wherein the computer performs the following functions comprising:

(a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, ~~prior to a callback time of the remote sites;~~

(b) reporting which of the files from the list of files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites to the central site; and

(c) determining within the central site which of the files from the list of files needs to be sent to each of the plurality of remote sites.

2. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1 in which the providing ~~step (a)~~ utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

3. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1 in which the reporting ~~step (b)~~ utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

4. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1 in which the determining ~~step (c)~~ utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

5. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

6. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 5 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time stamped.

7. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein the central site provides the list of files to the plurality of remote sites prior to a callback time of the remote sites.

17. (New) A system for synchronizing files comprising:

a central site, the central site including a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application and an automated central site operations (ACSO) mechanism for transmitting a list of files; and

at least one remote site, the at least one remote site including a file system synchronization remote operating mechanism (FSS RSO), wherein the FSS RSO mechanism creates a group of files it will need based upon the transmitted list of files, wherein the at least one remote receives the transmitted list of files; wherein the remote site reports which of the files from the list of files are missing to the central site, wherein the central site determines which of the files from the list of files needs to be sent to the at least one remote site.

18. (New) The system of claim 17 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

19. (New) The system of claim 18 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date stamped.

20. (New) The system of claim 17 wherein the central site provides the list of files to the plurality of remote sites prior to a callback time of the remote sites.

21. (New) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer for synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites, the product comprising instructions to cause a processor to:

- (a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site;
- (b) reporting which of the files from the list of files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites to the central site; and
- (c) determining within the central site which of the files from the list of files needs to be sent to each of the plurality of remote sites.

22. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 in which the providing step (a) utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

23. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 in which the reporting step (b) utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

24. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 in which the determining step (c) utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

25. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

26. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time stamped.

27. (New) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the central site provides the list of files to the plurality of remote sites prior to a callback time of the remote sites.